

Riverside  
Maidenhead  
23 April 1858

Dear Sir

Every body is "dear"  
to me who takes an interest  
about Shakespeare for the  
sake of Shakespeare, & not  
for the sake of abusing me.  
For the same reason you  
need never apologise for  
giving me trouble in connec-  
tion with him or his writings.  
All is pleasure, excepting when  
I am compelled to deal with

personal, rather than literary  
adversaries.

The three lines wanting  
in the Variorum Shakespear of  
1821 are

Taming of Shrew. A IV. sc 3

Cymbeline A II sc 5

Titus Andr. A I sc 1

The Vols & pages of the  
Variorum are V. 479 XVIII p 91  
and XXI p 272.

The only omission of a  
line that I have yet discovered  
in W Singer's edition is in his  
Vol III p 176 - "Taming of Shrew"  
A II sc 1. I only collated that  
Vol - or rather part of that Vol. -  
with that purpose, and there  
may, or may not, be other er-  
rors of the same kind in other



places. I have not found  
them; and but for the circum-  
stance of the rhyme having  
no corresponding word, I might  
not have found the deficiency.  
If you meet with any more,  
you will do me a favour  
to point them out - not in  
any hostile spirit. I am,

Dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully  
J. Payne Collier

Mr. Wardlaw Reid Esq.

